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Announcement.

For State Senator.

ELKINS.—We are authorized to announce Robt. A. Elkins, of Weakley County, as a candidate for re-election to the senate of Tennessee from the counties of Weakley, Obion and Lake, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

For Representative.

McNABE.—We are authorized to announce G. R. McNabe a candidate for re-election as Representative to the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

For Floater.

GRIFPIN.—We are authorized to announce Dr. J. F. Griffin, of Tiptonville, as a candidate for Special Representative for the counties of Dyer, Lake and Obion in the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

COCHRAN.—We are authorized to announce J. L. Cochran, of Union County, as a candidate for Floater Representative for the counties of Dyer, Lake and Obion in the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

Law and Order.

Saturday was rally day for the local Law and Order League. Messrs. McGill and Green, regularly employed agents of the Tennessee Anti-Saloon League, were in the city and leading all the assistance possible to further the cause of temperance and make stony the path traveled by the bootlegger. A public meeting was held at the courthouse the evening before and definite plans perfected and determined stands taken to now and forever stop the sale of beer or liquor in Union City. The weather was warm, it was hot, but this did not keep a large number of substantial, leading citizens from going out. Speech after speech was made and not a man left the building until the hour of adjournment, late in the night.

The program had been perfected and Saturday at 1 o'clock at the Mayor's office the actual work started. Mayor Reynolds heard the evidence in two cases. One party drew a fine of \$50 and another case was dismissed.

From the city court the line of march was to Esquire Sam Bratton's court. Here the evidence was threshed over again. After the lawyers had talked tired here for the second time Judge Bratton notified all defendants to make good and sufficient bond to assure their presence at the next term of Circuit Court. The Judge says there is only one way to enforce the law, and he always delivers the largest "package the law will allow."

And thus the work goes on. In Memphis the open saloon is no more and Nashville is coming to the front daily and sometimes serves "nuisance petitions" in bunches of one hundred.

From Bristol to Memphis booze peddling is getting to be a pastime of the unpopular variety.

Mrs. Carmack Appointed

The people of Tennessee and the South are much pleased to learn that Mrs. E. W. Carmack is to be postmistress at Columbia.

Thursday afternoon late the President wrote Postmaster-General Burleson to the effect that he desired to make a personal appointment at Columbia and to name Mrs. Carmack. Mr. Burleson telephoned Representative Padgett that he desired to see him and talk the matter over. Mr. Padgett went to the Postoffice Department and Mr. Burleson showed him the President's letter and asked that he acquiesce. Mr. Padgett told Mr. Burleson that he would defer to the President in making a recommendation. He immediately sent the following telegram to friends in Columbia:

"The Postmaster General informs me that the President desires to make a personal appointment at Columbia and to appoint Mrs. Carmack, and desires me to acquiesce in his wishes. Postmaster General personally and especially requests me in deference to the President to refrain from submitting another nomination. There remains nothing else for me to do."

"J. P. PADGETT."

The contest over the Columbia post-office has been a long-drawn-out one. The term of Postmaster Jackson expired some time ago and Representative Padgett recommended George E. McKennon, who was appointed. Mrs. Carmack's name has been associated with the Columbia office since long before the vacancy. Mr. McKennon was confirmed, but declined to accept the office, as the bank with which he is associated raised his salary equal to that of the postmastership, which pays \$2,700 per annum.

The outcome has been awaited with keen interest owing to the large number of applicants for the office.

It is expected that the name of Mrs. Carmack will be confirmed immediately upon it reaching the Senate, owing to the expiration of the term of the incumbent.

Senator Shields has repeatedly announced that he would not oppose Mrs. Carmack in case she was appointed to the postmastership.

Removing Wires.

Mr. C. J. Love, of Memphis, foreman of a Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph construction force, arrived Monday and at once commenced on the plans and the actual work of removing poles and wires from Central Church, First and Washington streets. When completed, the business section of the town will be practically clear of the unsightly poles and all outside equipment of the companies doing business and maintaining offices here.

This work off hands, Mr. O. T. Pickard, the district manager, thinks things will be in shape for work on the new plant and buildings and the work of installing the new "flash-light" system. Mr. Pickard will remain here the greater part of the time assisting the local manager, Mr. Thos. Hall, and they expect to have the new plant in operation by the first of the year.

Last week our esteemed neighbor, the Hickman Courier, celebrated its fifty-fifth birthday, and although she has seen many changes and witnessed many ups and downs, is hale and hearty yet. The Courier was published long before the war and did service under the able management of Col. Warren when Hickman was the distributing point for hundreds of miles throughout this section, her territory reaching as far south as Corinth, Miss. Messrs. Speers & Sexton, the bright young publishers, have not been in Hickman all these years, but the town has never had a better, a brighter, cleaner or more newsy paper than Hickman citizens are getting in the Courier of to-day. We offer congratulations.

Wheat harvesting in this section is about over. The acreage small, yield good, sample fine, price "superfine." The bulk of the crops sold at about 75 cents. They tell us from Washington that we have a bumper crop, several million bushels above the average. May be true. We don't know. But our guess is, when the yuletide season is upon us wheat will be selling at a dollar. Why? Don't know again. But it always does.

A meeting of Col. L. B. Hill's Democratic committee is scheduled for this afternoon. The Colonel is experiencing some trouble getting the boys to "raise a sweat" over the approaching August election. Wait till the weather moderates.

Welcome July. Hope you won't be quite so warm.

TENNESSEE ITEMS.

Nashville, June 27.—Trustees of the Confederate Veteran, at a meeting here to-day, discussed the matter of selecting an editor, vice S. A. Cunningham, deceased, but finally decided to leave the question to the executive committee, which is to go over the ground and report at the next meeting. No date for the meeting was set.

Alexandria, June 27.—All the buildings at the Alexandria fair grounds, except the stalls, were burned this morning, entailing a loss of between \$8,000 and \$10,000. There was no insurance, the rate being prohibitive. The origin of the fire is unknown. Rob Roy, owner of the Alexandria Times, was the principal owner of the fair property.

Nashville, June 27.—Judge D. L. Lansden, who has been ill in this city for ten days, was well enough to be taken to his home at Cookeville tonight. He was accompanied by his wife and two friends. A long rest, it is thought, will bring him around all right.

Memphis.—The International Association of Journeymen Horseshoers in convention here went on record as opposing national prohibition.

Bristol.—The commission of Bristol has purchased and canceled \$15,000 of the bonds outstanding against the city.

Nashville.—A huge meteor, headed west and towards the earth, was seen in the heavens Thursday morning by citizens of Nashville and Gallatin.

Nashville.—The inspectors of the pure food and drugs department are making the rounds of the summer resorts east of Nashville and in the Cumberland Mountains.

Nashville.—Earl Taylor, who shot and killed W. R. Gray on the night of May 3, last, because the latter is alleged to have thrown a kiss at Taylor's young wife, will be arraigned in the criminal court on a charge of murder.

NEWS NOTES.

Two boys from Columbus, Ohio, who went West in search of high wages as harvest hands have written back home that they can find plenty of work, but not at fancy prices. According to the Columbus Dispatch "they have encountered the two-dollar-a-day employer who works his men from 4 a. m. to 9 p. m. with fifteen minutes for dinner and supper, but they have yet to discover the five-dollar-a-day employer such as one reads about."

Mandan, N. D., located on the bed of what once was the channel of the Missouri River, is flooded, after a cloudburst in the hills ten miles northwest of the city. With the great mass of water flowing down the old abandoned river bed and with the Heart River flowing through the city up to the top of its banks and threatening to overflow, the city faces a grave situation.

The final report on the Naval Appropriation Bill with its provision authorizing the sale of the battleships Idaho and Mississippi to Greece was filed in the Senate. Because Senators Fletcher and Bryan wanted to discuss a proposal for a breakwater at the Key West naval station, stricken out in conference, consideration of the report was put over.

Republicans attack on the Federal Trade Commission Bill was opened in the Senate by Senator Borah, who told his colleagues that passage of the measure would lead not to certainty among business men as to what they might lawfully do, but to such a period of uncertainty as followed the enactment of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

Fifty families of Kickapoo Indians arrived in Shawnee, Okla., from the State of Coahuila, Mexico. The Constitutionalists charged they were friendly to Huerta, confiscated their property and drove them from the country, they declared. These Indians left Oklahoma ten years ago for Mexico.

Pledging the support of the Democrats to the Wilson Anti-Trust Legislation plan, Senator Williams had President Wilson's speech read into the Congressional Record. The fight of the Republican Senators on the Trade Commission Bill was begun by Senator Borah.

Col. Roosevelt held another conference with George W. Perkins, head of the National Executive Committee of the Progressives, relative to running for Governor of New York State, and the impression prevails that the former President may be forced into the race.

A message from General Angeles at El Paso said there had been unimportant skirmishes south of Zacatecas since Villa's occupation of the town. Federals who escaped capture were reported well on their way to Aguascalientes and destroying bridges behind them.

"We are ready for the fight and we are going to fight until we put this trust legislation through if it takes all summer," declared Senator Williams, Democrat, of Mississippi, when the Federal Trade Commission Bill was taken up for consideration.

Secretary Daniels reiterated his determination to substantially increase the Pacific fleet with the opening of the Panama canal. Definite plans for dividing the country's naval force between the two oceans have not been made.

The Japanese note of June 10, last, which re-opened the protest of Japan against the California alien land law, with the American reply, will be made public within the next few days, according to Secretary Bryan.

A cloudburst at Lanesboro, Minn., made the village a lake six feet deep. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad tracks were under three feet of water, according to announcement. Railway service was abandoned.

Attorney-General McReynolds again issued a statement in which he expressed a determination not to announce what steps will be taken by his department in the New Haven tangle.

The sick rate among the troops at Vera Cruz for the week ending June 24 was 2.03 per cent for the army and 2.80 per cent for the marines, a decrease over the previous week.

Fifty State Banks and Trust Companies all told have qualified for membership in the Federal reserve banks, as against 7,500 national banks.

A moving picture play was shown on the White House lawn with President Wilson, his family and members of the cabinet as the audience.

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